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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code

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Phone Number

**Petitioner appearing without a lawyer**

**MONTANA \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

**Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner (*you*),

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent (*your spouse*).

**Request for Order Granting  
Service by Publication**

Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, states under oath:

1. I am the petitioner in this case.
2. I filed a petition to dissolve my marriage with respondent and to get a parenting plan for our children.
3. I filed the petition with the Clerk of District Court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.
4. The clerk issued a summons directing the sheriff of the (*county name*) \_\_\_\_\_ County, of (*State name*) \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the summons and petition on respondent.
5. The sheriff returned the summons as unserved because respondent could not be found.

## 6. Respondent (Choose All that Apply):

- ☐ resides out of the state;
- ☐ departed from the state;
- ☐ cannot, after due diligence, be found;
- ☐ has concealed himself/herself in order to avoid the service of summons.

7. I cannot personally serve the summons and petition on Respondent.

8. Respondent is a necessary and proper party to this case.

9. For these reasons, I request an order for service of summons by publication to be made in (*name of newspaper*) \_\_\_\_\_, in (*name of county*) \_\_\_\_\_ County, Montana.

**I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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